

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education

ACTION: Comment Request

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (the Department), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public and helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [insert the 60th day after publication of this notice].

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ, Washington, D.C. 20202-4537. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

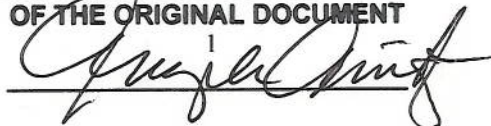
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Information Management and Privacy Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

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Office of Innovation and Improvement

Type of Review: New

Title of Collection: Charter School Facilities National Questionnaire

OMB Control Number: Pending

Agency Form Number(s): N/A

Frequency of Responses: Once

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Government, State Educational Agencies or Local Educational Agencies

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 369

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 1,107

Abstract: According to Part B section 5201 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, one of the established purposes of the Charter School Program office in the U.S. Department of Education (ED) is 'encouraging the States to provide support to charter schools for facilities financing in an amount more nearly commensurate to the amount the States have typically provided for traditional public schools'. Currently, there is no national database, report, or analysis on the state of charter school facilities. This collection will help to understand the state of charter school facilities nationwide.

In the summer of 2007, the Colorado League of Charter Schools (the League) launched its Facilities 2010 Task Force, which was established to address charter school facility needs. One of the initiatives of the Facilities 2010 Task Force was to develop a questionnaire that inventoried the facilities landscape in Colorado. This questionnaire has since been customized and administered in several additional states. ED is looking to use and administer this questionnaire in additional states and compile the data from all states into a national facilities database. ED has plans to conduct this survey in approximately three to four states per year. ED will use the information from the questionnaire to include in a national database that will provide comprehensive information about the facilities for charter schools and the issues that charter school face in trying to obtain adequate facilities. The data will then be used to develop a report and an analysis.

Copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4645. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ, Washington, D.C. 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. **Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.**

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.